

Aging In Place and Community

Meeting Notes

February 9, 2011

Commission Members: Beth Shapiro, Grace Whipple (co-chairs), Elaine Binder, Miriam Kelty, Spence Schron

Guests: Pazit Aviv (HOC), Sue Dollins (Senior Connection), Matthew Kelleher (Montgomery County Fire Rescue), Fred Poker

Staff: Cristi Leathers (Montgomery County Area Agency on Aging Intern)

Topic	Discussion Points	Decisions/follow-up
Review of February 9 Stakeholders Meeting	<p>Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some frustration the meeting did not conclude with an action plan.• Several attendees expressed a lack of knowledge about the Commission and its work.• One person suggested Stakeholders Meetings should be more than once a year.• There is a need to establish short and long term goals and it may be short term goals are steps to long term goals.• Too much focus was place on the budget.• A suggestion was made to rally around an inclusive issue – Isolation was suggested.	<p>People may not have responded because it was late in the morning and feared it would lengthen the morning's discussion.</p> <p>Invested individuals need to take responsibility to learn about County programs, agencies and the budget process.</p> <p>Meeting too often could make COA Stakeholder Meetings less effective.</p> <p>Action: Continue communication with Stakeholders through emails and newsletters.</p> <p>More thought needs to be given to developing collaborations and researching alternatives to budget.</p> <p>A possible Summer Study topic could be 'Isolation'.</p>

Mary Leahy Presentation and a Transportation Discussion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large amount of important information was given to the committee. • Easter Seals will assist groups in putting together a transportation plan. • Laws on liability may prohibit volunteers from accepting payment of any kind. 	<p>County Executive Leggett has endorsed an effort by COA to pull together providers and stakeholders in order to develop a County Wide Transportation Plan for seniors.</p> <p>Plan will emphasize driver training to ensure quality service.</p> <p>Action: Sue Dollins will send information about liability protection of individuals who participate in a volunteer driving program.</p>
Rollin Stanley PP	Benefits to presenting PowerPoint at a AIPC meeting.	Most on the Committee have seen.